

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

~~A- Disclosed is a digital private key storage means~~ containing a user's digital private key; a cryptographic engine; a communications port for receiving digital data from an external device, and for transmitting data to ~~said the~~ external device; a trusted display means for displaying ~~said the~~ received digital data; a user operable input ~~means~~ connected to ~~said the~~ cryptographic engine to indicate when operated, a users ~~by said user their~~ approval of ~~said the~~ displayed received digital data; wherein ~~said the~~ cryptographic engine is trusted to only apply ~~said the~~ user's digital private key to sign received data only if ~~said the~~ user operable input means is operated, and to ~~communicate-transmit said the~~ signed data externally ~~external of said the digital private key protection device~~. This arrangement secures the user's digital private key from end point attacks ~~by trojan horse programs by virtue of the fact that~~ since the private key can only be accessed via the user operable input ~~means~~ which cannot be circumvented by software control and prevents the user from being tricked into signing one document when he believes he is signing another.